

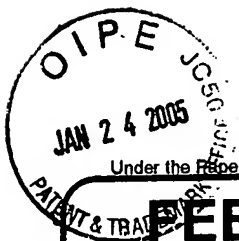
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Amended Utility Patent Application - Specification

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AMENDMENTS TO UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
FOR

TITLE OF INVENTION

Skimmer Intake Guard - for a Swimming Pool or Hot Tub

Utility Patent Application for Karen L. Boggs and Gary L. Boggs, of 1665 Fairway  
Crest, Loveland, Ohio, 45140, citizens of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS

(NOTE: all changes are marked (new) and underlined.)

1. Append the sentence with:

(new) , or is mounted to the face of the frame by alternate means, such as Velcro fasteners, other hook and loop, or other attachable or adhesive method.

Appended to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION on  
Page 3 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application

2. Append the sentence with:

(new) , and can be designed to attach to any opening or to be integrated by manufacturing it together with the frame.

Appended to the end of the 4th paragraph of BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION on  
Page 4 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application

3. Append the sentence with FIG. 1 with:

(new) , with details of the use of hooks to attach the skimmer intake guard to the face of the intake.

Appended to the end of the sentence for FIG 1. of BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE  
SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING on Page 4 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application

4. Addition of the paragraphs:

FIG 8 (new) shows a vertical grid pattern for the skimmer intake guard for FIG. 1.

FIG 9 (new) shows a horizontal grid pattern for the skimmer intake guard for FIG. 1.

Directly after the FIG 7 paragraph on page 5 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application

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5. Append the sentence with:

, (new) and can be made of any color.

At the end of sentence 1 in paragraph 1 of DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION on page 5 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application.

6. Addition of the paragraph:

(new) The skimmer intake guard 10 can also be constructed without the hooks, to be attached to the face of the skimmer intake by the use of Velcro fasteners, other hook and loop, or other attachable or adhesive method.

After paragraph 2 of DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION on page 5 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application.

7. Addition of the sentence:

Also, the cross-members may be molded all in one direction, either vertically FIG. 8, or horizontally FIG.9.

At the end of paragraph 3 of DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION on page 6 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application.

8. Addition of the paragraph:

(new) said hooks made be placed at alternate locations around the skimmer intake guard, as designs indicate, to accommodate the different variety of sizes and shapes of skimmers, to ensure the guard will stay in place.

At the end of Claim 2 on page 8 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application.

9. Addition of the words:

(new), and vary in the number of cross-members, as sizes and designs indicate.

At the end of Claim 4 on page 8 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application.

10. Addition of the Claim 5:

5. (new) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in claim 1, where the cross-members may be comprised of only vertical or only horizontal cross-members.

Directly after Claim 4 on page 7 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application.

11. Addition of the Claim 6:

6. (new) A skimmer intake guard for use in a swimming pool or tub as described in claim 1,

wherein the skimmer guard has no hooks, and can be attached by Velcro fasteners, other hook and loop fastener, or other attachable or adhesive method to the face of the skimmer intake.

Directly after Claim 5 on page 8 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application.

12. change of the wording from:

"having hooks for attachment of the guard to the water intake" to

.(new) which attaches to the skimmer intake, by means or hooks or other attachable method,

Directly in the first sentence after "guard", in the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE on page 9 of 9 of the Utility Patent Application.

13. Addition of FIG 8 & FIG 9:

As indicated on page 2/2 of the Skimmer Intake Guard Drawings, attached proposed changes (circled in red) and an original as amended.

An amended Utility Patent Application is enclosed in its entirety, for your convenience.

End of Amendment.